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Amendments to the Specification

Amend the paragraph being on page 14 at line 27 as follows:

As is shown in FIG. 13, an output shaft gear 92f is fastened to the lower end of the output shaft 92os of the reduction-gear mechanism 92, and meshes with a shift-rod gear ~~[[8Ja]]~~ 80b fastened to the upper end of the shift rod 80. With this, the output of the electric motor 50 is reduced in speed, but is increased in torque, and is transmitted to the shift rod 80. Thus, the shift is power-assisted by operating the electric motor 50 to rotate the shift rod 80 about its center axis. This can mitigate the load than that under manual operation and offer improved operation feel.